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**BOE Board Member Betty T. Yee Announces Emergency Tax Relief Available  
 for Business Owners Affected by South Napa Earthquake**

**Sacramento** – Business owners and feepayers impacted by the Napa Valley earthquake may request an extension to file their returns, ask for relief from penalties and/or interest for some taxes and fees, or to replace copies of records lost or damaged, announced California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Board Member Betty T. Yee.

On August 24, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an emergency [proclamation](#) extending relief to Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties due to the effects of a 6.0 magnitude earthquake in Napa Valley that have damaged homes, businesses, and caused the closure of some roads and highways.

“My thoughts and prayers go out to all affected by yesterday's earthquake,” said Board Member Yee. “Special thanks to first responders and all personnel on the scene protecting health and safety of local residents. As residents continue to sift through the damage, we want to let them know the BOE is ready to help affected tax and feepayers.”

**Requesting Relief**

Tax and feepayers can go [online](#) to request relief from penalty and/or interest, and an extension of time to file a tax/fee return. Any tax or feepayer can use the online system to make their request for the tax and fee programs listed below. You may also call the BOE Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-400-7115 (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), for assistance.

Sales and Use Taxes	Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee; Oil Spill Response Fee
Fire Prevention Fee	Lumber Assessment
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Excise Taxes	Integrated Waste Management Fee
Energy Resources Surcharge	Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee
Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge	Electronic Waste Recycling (eWaste) Fee
Natural Gas Surcharge	Marine Invasive Species Fee (Ballast Water Management Fee)
Timber Yield Tax	California Tire Fee
Fuel Taxes (Diesel Fuel Tax, Interstate User Tax, Use Fuel Tax, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Aircraft Jet Fuel)	Hazardous Substances Fees (Environmental Fee, Activity Fee, Generator Fee, Disposal Fee, Facility Fee)
Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Fee	Water Rights Fee

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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance, covering a wide array of state and local finance policy matters.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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